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SUBJECT: NEW CAR GOVERNMENT

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1. CAR PRESIDENT BOKASSA INAUGURATED NEW YEAR WITH
ANNOUNCEMENT JANUARY 1 OF NEW CABINET IN ORDER OF RANK
AS FOLLOWS:

JEAN-BEDEL BOKASSA, PRESIDENT FOR LIFE OF THE REPUBLIC,
PRESIDENT OF THE GOVERNMENT, PRESIDENT FOR LIFE AND SCERETARY-
GENERAL OF MESA, KEEPER OF THE SEALS, MINISTER OF NATIONAL
DEFENSE, MILITARY AVIATION, PUBLIC SERVICES AND SOCIAL
SECURITY, AND OF MINES;

PRIME MINISTER -- MESAN VICE PRESIDENT ELIZABETH DOMITIEN;

MINISTERS OF STATE:

ANGE PATASSE, TOURISM, WATERS, FORESTS, HUNTING AND FISHING;

FRANCOIS GON NATIONAL DEFENSE (DEPUTY), VETERANS AND WAR

VICTIMS, ENERGY;

LOUIS ALAZOULA, INTERIOR;

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JEAN-AMITY, NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS;

ALPHONSE KOYAMBA, FINANCES;
JOSEPH POTOLOT, FOREIGN AFFAIRS;
HENRI MAIDOU, URBANISM AND TERRITORIAL MANAGEMENT;
ANTOINE GOALO, POST AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS;
JEAN-LOUIS PSIMHIS, NATIONAL EDUCATION AND EDUCATIONAL REFORM;
CLEMENT N'GAI-VOUETO, JUSTICE AND LABOR;

MINISTERS:

AUGUSTIN DALLOT-BEFIO, PUBLIC HEALTH;
JEAN-PAUL MOKODOPO, PLAN, INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND STATISTICS;
JOAQUIM DA SILVA N'ZENGUE, AGRICULTURE;
ANTOINE FRANCH, PUBLIC WORKS;
AALEXIS TCHEOUTI, SECRETARIAT GENERAL OF THE GOVERNMENT;
ANDRE-CHRISTIAN ZANE-FE TOUAM-BONA, INFORMATION;
HENRI-PAUL BOUNDIO, ORGANIZATION AND SECURITY OF RIVER AND LAND
TRANSPORT;
MARCELIN LAMINE, INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE;
LOUIS-PERRE GAMBA, YOUTH, SPORTS AND ARTS;
MADAME MARIE-JOSEPHE ZANE-FE TOUAM-BONA, SOCIAL AFFAIRS;
FRANCOIS OTINA, AERONAUTICS AND CIVIL AVIATIONS;

SECRETARIES OF STATE:

VINCENT-BENOIT WAKORO, FINANCES, BUDGETARY RECEIPTS AND PRICE
CONTROLS;
MADAME MARIE-CHARLOTTE AGUIDE, STATE MOTOR POOL;
JEAN-JACQUES SAGANZA, MISSIONS;
VICTOR TETEYA, PRESIDENTIAL PRESS;
MICHEL BANGUE TANDET, CONTROLLER, STATE PERSONNEL EXPENDITURES;
JEAN SEBIRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM HANDICRAFT ENTERPRISES;

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH NEW CAR GOVERNMENT CONTAINS GENERALLY
SAME NAMES AS PREVIOUS ONE, THERE ARE SEVERAL CHANGES WHICH MAY
PROVE SIGNIFICANT. IN ADDITION TO HER PREVIOUS POSITION AS VICE
PRESIDENT OF MESAN, MME DOMITIEN, WHO IS CURRENTLY IN FRANCE, NOW
BECOMES PRIME MINISTER AS WELL. THIS POSITION HAD REPORTEDLY BEEN
OFFERED TO HER AND TO DEPOSED CAR PRESIDENT DAVID DACKO DURING
MAY WHEN BOKASSA WAS ELEVATED TO MARSHAL RANK. THE OFFER MAY
REFLECT INFLUENCE OF HER ROLE IN MESAN, THE NATION'S ONLY POLITICAL
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PARTY, AND HER USEFULNESS TO BOKASSA IN GENERATING INTERNAL SUPPORT
FOR HIS POLICIES. ALTHOUGH IT IS DIFFICULT TO FORECAST WHAT
POWERS SHE COULD EXERCISE IN BOKASSA TYPE REGIME SHE IS REPUTED
TO BE FIRM ADMINISTRATOR AND IT IS POSSIBLE SHE COULD TAKE OVER
SOME DAY-TO-DAY DIRECTION OF GOVERNMENT.

3. ELEVATION OF MME DOMITIEN, REAPPOINTMENT OF MME ZANE-FE
TO MINISTERIAL POSITION AND NEW APPOINTMENT OF MME AGUIDE TO

GOVERNMENT RANK GIVE INCREASED RECOGNITION OF WOMEN'S ROLE
IN GOCAR AND, MORE PARTICULARLY, IN MESAN.

4. LATEST CHANGES EITHER CONFIRM IN THEIR POSITIONS OR
APPOINT TO NEW MINISTERIAL POSITION MAIN CIVILIANS REPORTEDLY
INVOLVED IN COUP PLOTTING DURING BOKASSA'S ABSENCE (SEE REFTTEL).

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